



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Fact Sheet

Control of Communicable Diseases

CDC's Proposed Rule

Introduction

CDC is committed to protecting the health and safety of the American public by preventing the introduction of communicable disease into the United States. Having updated regulations in place is an important measure to ensure swift response to public health threats.

Proposed Rule

- To protect the health of Americans, HHS and CDC are in the process of updating regulations for control of communicable diseases, which are necessary to ensure that we have the tools we need to respond to public health emergencies and disease threats.
- Most of the provisions in the current HHS regulations have not been substantially updated in many years and need to be modernized to provide clear authorities for control of communicable diseases.
- These changes are necessary to expedite and improve CDC operations. Improved and streamlined contact tracing will benefit the American public by reducing deaths, illness days, and avoiding unnecessary quarantine days.

Key Provisions in the Proposed Rule

- Expanded reporting of ill passengers on board interstate flights and ships and airline flights arriving from foreign countries;
- Requirements that certain interstate flights as well as ships and airline flights arriving from foreign countries maintain passenger and crew information for 60 days and submit the information electronically to CDC upon request for public health activities;
- Administrative due process provisions for individuals subject to quarantine;
- Explicit authority to offer vaccination, prophylaxis, and other appropriate medical interventions on a voluntary basis to individuals in quarantine.

Public Comment Period

- The proposed revisions are published in the Federal Register and CDC invites public comment on the revisions. Comments may be submitted via regular mail to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, ATTN: Q Rule Comments, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, (E03), Atlanta, GA, 30333; via Internet at www.regulations.gov; or via email to qrulepubliccomments@cdc.gov.
- CDC will take comments until March 1, 2006. All public comments will be considered before publishing a final rule.

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